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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

HE'S WORRIED

A middle-aged man in casual attire came to this office the other day, introduced himself as a member of one of the building trades unions, and said he'd like to discuss organized labor's public relations.

"I see so many letters in the Tribune attacking our unions," he said, "but I don't see many that answer those letters very effectively."

He was trying to grope for some better way of explaining the whole union situation to the public, and admitted that sometimes when he tried to sit down and think up an answer to some of the criticisms, he was stumped.

"Fact is," he said, "a lot of us in the trade unions still have the old public-be-damned attitude, and we don't think enough about what are the real answers to these criticisms."

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HARD TO EXPLAIN

The editor and his visitor agreed that often it is difficult to explain in a brief letter why a union takes a certain action, or even persistently follows a certain long range policy. For example, some new machine or method of loading cargo on a ship, or unloading it, is announced, there are glowing accounts in the press of all the money that can be saved and the process speeded up, with consequent prosperity for the port, more industries springing up, more new jobs created.

Then along comes an item about the longshoremen being worried about all this, and planning to hold a meeting, maybe even a stop-work meeting, and letters begin to come into the dailies about how labor's always holding up progress. Try to answer those letters in a brief letter!

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THE ANSWER

What's the answer to this problem? After listening to this man's lively talk about it, we came to a conclusion.

The answer is simple: More people in the labor movement who are as alert and full of goodwill as was our visitor in the office. One union member like that is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to unionism.

See Jim Martin report on safety meet: Page 4

Jim Martin in the Steamfitters column on page 4 reports on the Governor's Industrial Safety Conference held in Los Angeles February 5 and 6, citing figures which should be of general interest to labor people besides the craft to which it is directly addressed.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Golden Gate plan & 'labor reform' weighed by unions

Organized labor's weighing of its attitude toward two major proposals now before the Legislature in the form of introduced bills was reported on by Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash to the Central Labor Council this week. One is Governor Brown's proposed labor legislation, and the other is the proposed Golden Gate Authority.

Ash said that the meeting held in San Francisco Saturday under the California Labor Federation auspices to discuss Brown's labor proposals was not intended to reach definite conclusions, and that the Federation's Executive Council—of which Ash and Paul L. Jones of Alameda County are members—was meeting today, February 13, to adopt recommendations. He said that some few at the Saturday conference were opposed to the bills in their entirety.

On the Golden Gate Authority, which would have jurisdiction over bridges, seaports and airfields in the Bay Area's nine counties, Ash said labor's principal interest at the moment is in seeing to it that organized labor gets a reasonable degree of representation on the Authority if it becomes a reality. Edgar Kaiser, chairman of the group backing the Authority plan, is now weighing proposals Ash and other labor people have made on representation.

Steward training course in April

Letters will be going to all locals affiliated with the Central Labor Council asking them to send their shop stewards to the stewards' training course now set for Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11.

CLC Assistant Secretary Art Hellender said the session will start Friday evening and run all day Saturday.

Clerks organizing at Sears proceeds

The work of organizing the salespeople at the Sears stores in Hayward and Oakland is proceeding steadily, says Russ Mathiesen, secretary of Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265.

"We're going ahead systematically and progressively," said Mathiesen.

17 AD COPE under way; 13th begins

The 17th Assembly District COPE (Committee on Political Education) already has an approved constitution, and is under way; and the 13th AD COPE is being organized this week, CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx reported this week.

Will Golden Gate Agency heed labor, BTC question

The proposed Golden Gate Authority was discussed at the last meeting of the Building Trades Council.

This would be a super-agency operating in the nine Bay Area counties and having general supervision over transportation and bridges and allied matters. It is proposed by the Bay Area Council, a planning group with Edgar Kaiser at the head.

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers reported that he and Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash had sat in on conferences of an advisory committee, and had made suggestions as to how representation of the various interests in the Bay Area community might be worked out.

Organized business, organized labor, and the various political units, such as municipalities and counties, would get representation under the suggestions made by the two labor men.

Childers said that while the system of electing directors of such big public agencies by vote of the people is seemingly more democratic than having the directors appointed, actually it hasn't worked out democratically in the case of East Bay Municipal Utilities District, or the Regional Park System. Such agencies turn out to be in the hands of the bigger business interests, as labor simply cannot

afford the expense of the elections in the big areas involved.

Some kind of advisory council to which representatives of the various interests in the community would be appointed by the Governor, Mayors, and Supervisors, and which would have access to the records of the Golden Gate directors might put labor people on the inside of the operation far more than the nominal democracy of having the directors elected by general vote.

Childers said that he felt the San Francisco Labor Council and the Oakland Port Commission in having come out against the proposed new agency were acting prematurely; it was all in the early stage, with nothing definite yet.

Anders Larsen, Carpenters 36, said that he questioned the advisability of having two labor representatives, Childers and Ash, commit labor to such a big proposition as the Golden Gate Authority. Why not have the CLC and the BTC elect a committee to attend to this?

Childers replied that these were merely suggestions which he and Ash had made, that very little ever got done by a big committee, and that since the proposition was already being weighed by the Legislature, it was essential to move up on it

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CLC officials are installed by Past President Quinn

Past President John F. Quinn installed the newly elected and reelected officials and standing committee members of the Central Labor Council Monday night.

The much needed rain was pouring outside as a good augury for the new two-year term of those obligated, and the proportion of those in attendance who went up in front to take the oath demonstrated the democracy with which the council's affairs are run.

After all of 'em were back in their seats Jody Kerrigan of Culinary Alliance asked if Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash wasn't going at this time to reappoint his assistants, Richard Groulx and Art Hellender.

"That'll be at the meeting of the executive committee," replied Ash. "Besides, I've fired those two fellows."

The smiles of those two fellows and the general laughter tended to illustrate the good humor and confidence with which, after a short two years, the historic merger of AFL and CIO in Alameda County has jelled, settled down, concretized.

Ash keeps foot at discreet distance

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash attended his first meeting recently of the State Personnel Board to which he was appointed by Governor Brown.

He told the delegates that he got a favorable impression of the way the board handles appeals from State employees.

"Being a new member," he said, "I didn't open my mouth and put my foot in it. I thought I'd do that later!"

Oakland is called capable of bonds

CLC Assistant Secretary Art Hellender, who has been serving on the Oakland Citizens Capital Improvements Committee, told the delegates that criticism of the proposed capital improvements bonds overlooks the fact that since 1925 Oakland has passed only \$19,000,000 in bond issues, but that a city of its size is entitled to \$85,000,000 bond indebtedness.

WIVES OF LODGE 1546 MEMBERS: SEE PAGE 3

If wives of members of Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546 will turn to page 3 they will find details of the dinner at the Castlewood Country Club Sunday, February 22, in honor of Jack Clark and George Thomas, at which members' wives will be guests of the lodge.

Big issues facing Carpenters State conference next week

With the West Coast fast becoming an increasingly populated and key area in the nation's economy, a variety of matters of interest to the woodworking crafts will come before the 31st annual convention of the California State Council of Carpenters in San Diego in mid-month.

The State Council is the largest in the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, representing the various segments of the craft from Eureka in the North to San Diego in the South-border to border.

General President Maurice A. Hutchinson will be the principal speaker at the convention, it was announced by State President C. R. Bartolini.

More than 300 delegates have sent in credentials, and the convention is expected to be the largest in the history of the organization, says Executive Secretary Harry J. Harkleroad.

Governor Edmund G. Brown hopes to attend if his schedule permits, but Lieutenant Governor Glenn M. Anderson has made a definite commitment.

Other guest speakers will be John F. Henning, new director of the State Department of Industrial Relations; C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the merged State Labor Council; Bryan P. Deavers, president of the State Building Trades Council; Char-

les F. "Chuck" Hanna, chief of the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards; and Joseph L. Hazard, secretary of the State Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers.

This will be the first convention under the revised Constitution adopted by the 1958 meeting in Monterey, at which the executive board was enlarged from the three general officers and five wide-area board members to the three general officers and 18 District Council or area board members. Under the biennial rule there will be no election of officers this year.

The convention will be held in the U. S. Grant Hotel, San Diego, beginning Tuesday, February 17, and continuing through Friday. It will be preceded on Monday by an all day session of the California State Joint Carpenters' Apprenticeship Committee, with speakers from Washington, D. C., Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, and Washington, as well as California leaders.

Proposals looking toward coordination of the interests of all branches of the woodworking crafts in the Western States will come before the convention sessions, which will have an attendance of more than 300 delegates.

Resolutions urging the next national convention of the

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HOW TO BUY

"Planned obsolescence" costs!

By **SIDNEY MARGOLIUS**
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Even some manufacturers are beginning to rebel against the custom of "yearly models" in cars, appliances, TV sets and other goods which add to their costs, or, as in the case of many modern household appliances, contribute to reduction of quality.

This is known as "planned obsolescence". It costs you money. You have to know how to deal with it. It has become widespread in the past decade.

For example, when home air conditioners were widely introduced after World War II, engineers had hoped that the industry would not follow the yearly-model trend, but would bring out new models only when they could provide some genuine improvement. But the manufacturers didn't see it that way. They, too, adopted the yearly-model technique.

Another form of planned obsolescence is the deliberate manufacture of goods so they will last only a relatively short time. Two examples often cited by critics of this kind of planned obsolescence are electric - light bulbs and auto batteries.

In contrast to the lead-acid battery used here, the nickel-cadmium battery used in Europe lasts the life of a car and is transferred to the owner's next car. In defense of lead-acid batteries, U. S. Manufacturers argue that nickel - cadmium batteries would cost over \$100, and that the materials required are too scarce for mass production.

Independent electrical engineers tell this writer that light bulbs could be manufactured to last five years instead of 2000 hours as now. The Japanese build one that lasts 5000 hours. However, U. S. Manufacturers say it gives less illumination.

This form of planned obsolescence has made particular trouble in home appliances recently. There is evidence that manufacturers don't want appliances to last either too briefly or too long. Manufacturers aren't always themselves sure how long an appliance will last. One executive has indicated his company's washing machine probably will last seven years compared to the fifteen that pre-World War II washers generally served.

This is not to say that all recent changes have been unimportant. There have been worth-

while improvements too. In electric ranges, the tubular-type surface elements on modern ranges are more compact and more efficient, and are tested to make sure they will last at least 3500 hours, reports Electrical Testing Laboratories, an independent organization. Water heater manufacturers also have made recent improvements. They now use fiberglass for insulation since it doesn't settle as did the rock wool formerly used. They also developed the wrap-around heating element. Both it and the immersion type are efficient, but the wrap-around is less dangerous.

In cars too, auto experts often speak of the modern engine as a 100,000-mile engine compared to the old "50,000 mile" engines.

It also may be argued that it's as well not to build an appliance to last forever, to facilitate replacement when innovations like the forthcoming ultrasonic washing machine appear.

But the fact is, the modern lower - quality appliances have been responsible for high frequency of service and repair problems. Too, a well-made electrical appliance is a safer one. Moreover, the yearly-model form of planned obsolescence definitely adds to costs, with no justification. This has been particularly noticeable in car manufacturing. European cars don't have the yearly-model system. Improvements are simply added as developed.

As well as auto and appliance manufacturers, furniture manufacturers recently have been trying to accelerate obsolescence. Business writer Elmer Roessner reports that some companies would like to see completely new furniture fashions every year or two, thus forcing style-conscious women to buy furniture more often. The furniture and equipment manufacturers would like the same sales setup as in the apparel industry. For example, millions of chemise garments will have to be discarded even though they were worn very little, because Paris has decreed the new Empire style, Roessner points out.

Plastic bag

The transparent garment bag that covers your wearing apparel or household items when they are returned from your dry-cleaner can be put to many uses. With a little imagination, the plastic sheeting can be used for everything from wrapping the vegetables you store in your refrigerator, to protecting you from the rain.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

HUSBANDS Found to Rely on Wife in Buying Attire. That was the headline, and the story told about a survey made for the textile department of the du Pont de Nemours & Co. A total of 1456 married men and women of all ages and incomes were interviewed.

One question put to these people was whether a wife should be responsible for seeing that her husband is well dressed. Of the men 67% replied YES and 85% of the women.

IT WAS AGREED pretty well by all couples that women know more about fabrics than men do. In these days of so many new experiments in fabrics this is an important point.

Men in high income groups, it turns out, depend least on wifely advice when buying clothes. Although men in lower income groups insisted they were "the boss around the house," they admitted that they almost invariably turned to their wives for advice on suit colors and fabrics.

THIS SURVEY used this gimmick: husbands and wives were interviewed together on questions of fact, then asked to fill out separate "opinion" forms without revealing answers to their spouses.

In previous surveys husbands and wives had been interviewed separately. This was said to cast doubt on the results, since one partner often "talked big" behind the other's back.

Huh! So that's the way we do when Pal Partner isn't checking on us!

Attention is tonic for child

A child expert said that youth today feels unimportant, uncertain and unloved.

Dr. Irene C. Hypps, assistant superintendent in charge of pupil appraisal, study and attendance for the District public schools, said children need a great deal of family assistance and will respond to adults who take a sincere interest in them. She made these remarks before a large gathering of the Ivy City-Trinidad Citizens Association.

She said far too many mothers work, and the companionship and guidance the child needs is not available.

"They need a great deal of family assistance and will respond to adults who take a sincere interest in them," she said.

Dr. Hypps said young people must be trained to accept responsibilities.

"They have been conditioned in a world and community so constantly in a turmoil in recent years," she said.

Dr. Hypps praised the Youth Aid Division of the Police Department as a very active agency for youth welfare. — Washington Star.

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The barber may play with the child a few minutes to win his confidence or give him a small gift, such as lollipops or a sample bottle of hair tonic. He may then give him a few up-and-down rides in the barber chair.

It is wise for the parent to stay in the background, so the child's confidence is centered on the barber. Each barber has his own way of handling children. — Farmers Union Herald.

Top man

"A baby's troublesome," admitted the father, "but remember the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

"Well," replied the wife, "suppose you assume world domination for a couple of hours, while I'm at the movies."

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Women in This World

By **EDITH McCONN**

THE BATTLE between the subject matter people and the methods people in the public schools rages on. Even Adlai Stevenson, on his recent visit here, put in a strong word on the subject matter side.

In the old days, there was no such quarrel, because the idea of "methods" had never occurred to anyone. A man went to college. He learned mathematics and Latin, say. He became a schoolmaster.

Boys were sent to his classes and exposed to the knowledge. Some of them caught it, more of them didn't.

By some miracle, some of these teachers were "born teachers." They had an inborn talent for approaching children the right way, and presenting knowledge in a meaningful manner. But these were few.

Then it occurred to some thinkers on the subject that children were different from adults, had a different approach to life and learning. Experts began devising ways in which knowledge could be presented and imparted so that youngsters "caught on" more readily. This was called "method."

Schools were set up for the express purpose of teaching teachers how to teach. It was taken for granted, of course, that they knew the subject matter which they were planning to impart.

There is nothing wrong about this. Great improvements in the "how" are still being made, especially in the teaching of languages, both to children and adults, and even more improvements are needed.

In the meantime, due to man's tendency to go from one extreme to another, in many instances, the mastery of subject matter has in many instances been neglected. And due to the fact that our schools have had to expand so rapidly, many teachers have had to get in and "pinch hit" in subjects they knew all too little of.

This is what the quarrel is largely about, and it is really no quarrel. A teacher must know his subject matter, of course, but he must also know how best to impart it.

After all, you could give a carpenter the finest lumber in the world, in any quantity, and if he didn't know how to use his hammer and saw and plane, he wouldn't come up with much of a house.

Suburbs bad for children?

The vast shift of American families to the suburbs is having a bad effect on children, according to Dr. Margaret Mead, noted anthropologist and writer.

Addressing a scientific group in Washington, she called the modern suburb "a miserable little oasis" where children only meet others of their own class and race, and mostly children of "one echelon, the junior executive." Thus, the suburb, she said, "has no diversity" and shelters children from "real life." — LABOR.

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Labor Federation on what is doing in State capital

California Labor Federation news from Sacramento:

Social Insurance. Organized labor - sponsored programs in workmen's compensation, unemployment and unemployment disability insurance are ready to go as soon as the 30-day "cooling off" period runs its course. They include bills which provide for a maximum \$70 weekly workmen's compensation benefit, a \$65 per week disability insurance maximum and the same \$65 ceiling for unemployment insurance.

Farm Workers: "Parity" for farmers, but what about "parity" for farm workers in legal rights and dignity with their fellow workers in industry and other trades? Legislators in Sacramento will have to face the issue squarely this session. Governor Brown has made it clear that his minimum wage bill will make no exemption for agriculture.

Civil Rights. There are other bills on the launching pad besides FEP legislation. AB 890 (Hawkins), a housing bill actively supported by organized labor, is set for hearing before the Assembly Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy on March 10th. It would prohibit discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry in any publicly assisted housing accommodation constructed or otherwise aided with public funds.

Senate Labor Committee. Its composition this year gives labor a better shake, but its jurisdiction has been restricted to "all bills amending the Labor Code, and uncodified legislation relating to the same subjects." Unemployment insurance and disability insurance bills, heretofore heard in Labor Committee, have been transferred to the Senate Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions.

Crosby of Teamos cleared of charge

Federal District Judge Joseph R. Jackson of Washington, D. C. has acquitted Clyde C. Crosby, Portland, Ore., Teamster organizer, of a charge that he committed perjury before the McClellan committee in 1957.

Crosby, an early witness before the committee, was charged with having lied when he denied taking part in a meeting in November 1954 with Portland racketeer James (Big Jim) Elkins and suspended Oregon Liquor Control Commissioner Thomas Sheridan.

Judge Jackson, in an oral ruling, held that the Senate committee did not act within its statutory authority on a matter connected with legislation when it was questioning Crosby. He dismissed the jury of seven women and five men. — AFLCIO News.

LONGSHOREMEN'S and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act has been amended to give the protection of safety standards to ship repairmen, longshoremen and certain other maritime workers.

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Members' wives Lodge guests, Clark-Thomas dinner Feb. 22nd

Wives of members of Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546 have a special interest in the dinner to be given by the lodge in honor of Jack Clark and George Thomas Sunday, February 22, at the Castlewood Country Club. For all the husband has to do is buy his own ticket; the lodge picks up the ticket of the wife and pays for it.

The dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m., with a no host cocktail party beginning at 6:00 p.m. The ticket is \$6.00, just one ticket per couple.

M. F. Damas, Ed Merritt, and Bud Williams of the committee in charge urge members to get their tickets immediately to help pay tribute to "these two men, Jack Clark and George Thomas, who have done much to help build 1546 into the outstanding lodge that it is today—the second largest automotive machinists' lodge in the country."

The day following the event is a paid holiday under Lodge 1546's contract, as Washington's Birthday falls on a Sunday and will be celebrated Monday. So there's plenty of time to attend the dinner, and yet have a good sleep Monday morning.

Merritt, secretary of the committee, said he realized that many members of the lodge have been busy and failed to respond to the communication sent them about the dinner. He urged all members to call the lodge office immediately and order their tickets.

All members of other unions in Alameda County are also invited to attend. Tickets may be purchased at the union office, room 221, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street.

Both Clark and Thomas have had long and distinguished careers in Lodge 1546.

Jack Clark was born June 24, 1892, in Birkenhead, England, came to Montreal in 1905, worked as a machinist with the Montreal Locomotive Works prior to service in World War I. He moved to Oakland after discharge in July, 1920, from the Canadian Armed Forces attached to the English Navy, with three years in the Dover patrol. Clark arrived in Oakland August 1 of that year and joined Lodge 1546 September 20 as a charter member; he was working at the Piedmont garage at that time. He was elected president in December of 1922, and took office in January, 1923.

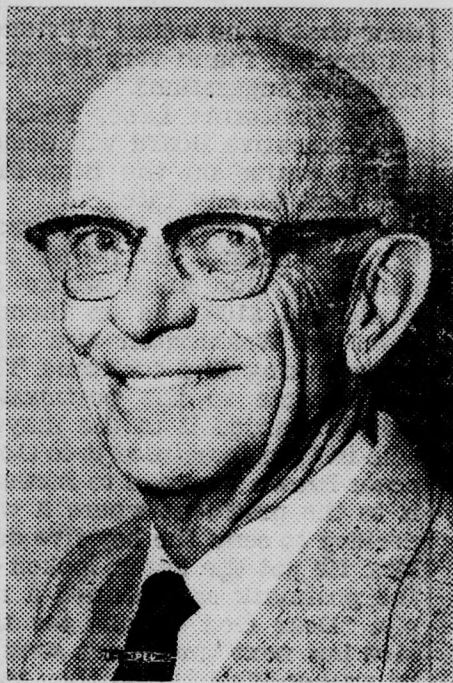
Elected financial secretary in December 1923 he served in that capacity for two years, 1924 and 1925. He was on the executive board until 1934, and was again elected president, serving on the executive board during intervening years, and was elected financial secretary in April, 1945 when Carl Malmquist retired, and remained in that office until retirement December 31, 1958. He was chairman of the entertainment committee during these years also.

George Thomas was born September 2, 1893, in Newton, Kansas. He came to California in 1909, and settled in Dixon. He first started working in garages in the fall of that year as a 16-year-old apprentice mechanic for fifty cents per day on such oldtimers as these: Stutz, Thomas Flyer, Locomobile, Buick, Stanley Steamer, and the Haynes. He served in the Army Engineers in World War I, enlisting as a private.

Thomas moved to Alameda in 1925, first joining Lodge 1546 that year and worked for some time on piecwork and com-



JACK CLARK



GEORGE THOMAS

missions, earning about \$25 a 6-day week, 10 hours a day.

Thomas was appointed shop steward at the Joseph Pierotti Ford agency in 1936 and was elected chairman of the executive board in 1936. Elected business representative in December of 1938 he took office January of 1939.

He was primarily responsible for organizing the bulk of the industry from 1939 until January of 1946 when one additional representative was added to the staff.

From January 1 of 1947 until August of 1949 he was apprentice coordinator, when he again took up the duties of business representative and was reelected each year until his retirement at the end of 1958, it being compulsory under the IAM constitution for business representatives to retire at 65. He had served then 19 years as a full time representative of the lodge.

Thomas likes to recall the time he tried to get a local firm to sign an agreement, and the owner said, "Bring your picket," and refused to sign a standard contract.

The picket was supplied as per request, and after three days the firm signed. The owner thereupon requested Thomas "to get the hell out of here with your picket." But Thomas told him one other item had to be taken care of.

The owner in consternation asked what the other item was.

"You ordered the picket," said Thomas, "and now you'll pay for his services before he is removed."

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Mrs. Roosevelt attacks 'right to work' groups hiding under new names

WASHINGTON — "Right-to-work" front groups are changing their names in what Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has charged are "new tactics of trickery and deceit" to push anti-labor measures through state legislatures.

Mrs. Roosevelt, co-chairman of the National Council for Industrial Peace, said the change in name for these organizations reflects the overwhelming defeat of compulsory open shop propositions in five of the six states where the issue appeared on the ballot in the November election.

Most recent resort to this device, she said, is in New Mexico where the Citizens "Right-to-Work" Committee announced it was changing its name to the "Educational Committee for Voluntary Union Membership." The Albuquerque, N. M. Tribune quoted "work" committee Director Cecil Black as saying the change occurred because "the people were confused by the title... and the new name fits better." — AFLCIO News.

Edna Lallement's son with law firm

Edna Lallement, president and business representative of Building Service Employees 18 and first vice president of the Central Labor Council, is being congratulated by her many friends on the fact that her son, Bob Cowell, passed the State bar examination in December, and is now with a law firm in San Francisco handling much labor business.

The law firm is Carroll, Davis, Burdick, & McDonough. Roland Davis of that firm has long been prominent in labor's legal affairs.

Cowell, a graduate of Oakland High School, was graduated from Yale in 1953, served in Korea, was back in 1955 for study in Boalt Hall at UC, was graduated from there in 1958, and worked with Roland Davis on research until he passed his bar examination.

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FEPC bills now in Assembly & Senate moving into test

The California Labor Federation issued the following in a press release:

"The count down for launching Fair Employment Practices legislation into orbit began this week with the scheduling of AB 91 for hearing before the Assembly Committee on Governmental Efficiency on Tuesday. Authored by Assemblyman W. Byron Rumford (D) and co-sponsored by Gus Hawkins (D) and fifty-two other assemblymen, it is anticipated that the bill's first flight stage will proceed in good order in the lower house.

"Two years ago a similar bill sailed through the Assembly by a favorable vote of 61-15. The Senate Labor Committee, however, saw to it that the bill's second stage rocket did not ignite. Whether the political bugs on the Senate side have been removed was still a subject of debate this week as the bill was being readied on its launching pad in the Assembly.

"It is known that employer groups, with the corporation farmers out in front, are working to make some changes in AB 91's vital mechanism. Many bills have a legislative history of being 'loved to death' by amendments."

State Senator John W. Holmdahl of Alameda County co-sponsored introduction of a fair employment practices bill in the State Senate, and stated that "passage is virtually assured by reason of its co-authorship by twenty-six Senators."

TRAFFIC CONTROL devices that could be used to speed up the movement of buses on downtown streets are being studied by the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District.

COPE WILL ELECT OFFICERS MARCH 10

Alameda County COPE Secretary Robert S. Ash announces that the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at the March 10 meeting.

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Brotherhood on the West Coast preferably in California, have been submitted.

Other proposals in the pre-convention resolution list include shorter hours to meet automation; increased unemployment insurance, Workmen's Compensation, disability insurance and medical care allowances; study committees on a variety of matters; coordination among Western States to combat right-to-work legislation; apprenticeship matters; various changes in labor laws, and a variety of technical and internal matters.

This will be the first convention under a revised constitution adopted by the 1958 session in Monterey, and approved by a referendum of the membership.

The officers of the Council are C. R. Bartolini, Bay Counties District Council, president; Gordon A. McCulloch, Los Angeles, vice-president; and Harry J. Harkleroad, executive secretary. They were elected last year for a two year term.

The new constitution, sponsored by President Bartolini and the slate of officers elected last year, for the first time gives di-

rect representation on the Executive Board to all affiliated local unions through their district councils, or delegates-at-large for locals not affiliated with district councils. The Executive Board now consists of the general officers, and the executive officers of 16 affiliated district councils, plus two delegates-at-large, one for northern and one for southern counties.

Brown reappoints Joseph Cambiano

Governor Edmund G. Brown has announced appointment of Albert T. Lunceford of Los Angeles to a four year term on the Correctional Industries Commission.

At the same time, the Governor reappointed Joseph Cambiano of San Francisco to a similar term. Cambiano is an international vice president of the Carpenters Union.

Lunceford, 56, is president of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, formed last Friday upon merger of the Los Angeles County Central Labor Council (AFL) and the Greater Los Angeles CIO Council.

UNITED CRUSADE youth, health and welfare agencies throughout Alameda County this year will share in a total of \$2,300,666 as a result of the Crusade's 1958 campaign, it is announced.

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Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

Brothers Risley, Bartolini, Crow, and I attended the meeting in S. F. Saturday last that discussed Governor Brown's labor bills. It seems to me the last provision was the crux of the thing. The bills provided that upon passage of Federal Law on the matter it became null and void.

Inasmuch as some form of the Kennedy-Ives bill should pass in Federal Congress this session, and the same labor law for 49 states is better in my opinion than 49 different laws, this bill can be motivated only as a political gesture necessary perhaps but not of statesmanlike stature.

The State Legislature could better spend its time on problems more pressing to California and supplement Federal action if needed later. (The whole thing reminds me of the young man in Omar Khayyam who listened to wise men argue anon and anent but came out the same door that in he went.) I listened all day but found very few constructive suggestions.

The California Labor Federation Executive Board will decide labor's course on the Bills Friday next at any rate.

Have you heard of the small boy who heard his father say that only God knew where he would get \$100 due on income taxes to Washington and who wrote asking God for same. The letter came to the postmaster who forwarded it to the mayor, who in turn forwarded it to Governor Brown who had to forward it to the president where it was decided to send the boy five dollars. He got the letter, looked at the postmark and penned a reply, "Dear God thanks for the \$100 but next time don't send it by way of Washington they took \$95 for taxes."

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

This writer and Business Representative Lou Kovacevich attended the ninth State wide meeting of the Governor's Industrial Safety Conference held in Los Angeles February 5 and 6, representing the California Pipe Trades Council and this local union respectively.

The conference was the largest ever attended as some 1100 delegates, representing labor, management and industry were in attendance. Principal speakers were: Honorable Edmund "Pat" Brown, Governor of California; Henry J. Kaiser Jr., vice-president and director of Kaiser Industries; and Mr. H. E. Gilbert.

Governor Brown praised the conference for its record of accident reduction and termed labor-management cooperation a tribute to our democratic way of life. He also stated that the good

will which has been evoked has spread to other areas of labor-management relations, thus furthering contributions to the well-being of citizens.

Governor Brown continued that traffic accidents cost Californians one and one-half million dollars daily in 1958 in wages lost, property damage, insurance and medical expenses.

The following are some California injury facts—142,000 Californians suffered disability injuries on the job in 1958, injuries that prevented them from returning to work the following day, 852 Californians were killed in accidents at work. However, 1958 was a year of progress in on-the-job safety. The work injury rate dropped to 31 disabling injuries per 1000 workers, the lowest rate in California history. In 1950, when the first Governor's Industrial Safety Conference was held in this State, our work injury was 42 disabling injuries per 1000 workers. Thus the injury rate has been reduced more than 25% since 1950.

Panel sessions covering agriculture, construction, forest products, governmental agencies, manufacturing, mineral extraction, research and education, trades and services and transportation, communications, utilities, were attended by the various delegates in accordance with the craft or industry they represented.

The construction session was well attended by building trades union representatives. Most important was the adoption of the committee's report, calling for the support of both labor and management on legislation calling for the licensing of operators of construction and industrial equipment and machinery.

Finally it was urged that all jobs have safety programs, as safety is recognized today as an integral part of production, just as important as any phase of operations. These programs must start from the top level and must have the full and continuing support of both labor and management. In conclusion, also, remember, injuries are caused, injuries are needless and injuries are expensive both to you and your family. So be safety minded whether on the job site, driving your car or at home.

Registrations to the California Pipe Trades convention to be held at San Diego on April 10, 11 and 12, 1959 were opened at our membership meeting held February 5. The first reading of registrations will be held February 19. The registrations will be closed February 26 at 9 p.m. Election of delegates will be at the special called membership meeting to be held March 19. Polls will be open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Registration forms are available at this business office. Local Union 342 will send four delegates.

Be sure to attend union meetings, which are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Our next meeting will be held on February 19.

Painters Dist. Council 16

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

At the last meeting of the District Council on the 5th the delegates heard an excellent report from brothers Hammond and Moore relative to the meeting of the various trials and tribulations that the southern locals are going through and the inroads being made by unions other than those of the brotherhood.

The brothers should attend all the meetings of their locals during the next 3 or 4 months especially. They will have an opportunity to hear reports relative to their welfare for the coming years such as negotiations, election of representatives, and officers of the locals. This will also be an opportune time to see and hear from your present representatives and also the candidates who desire to succeed them. Meetings will probably double in attendance and should be very interesting.

The first meeting of management and labor towards renewal and changing our present house painters agreement was held last Thursday the 5th. Selected by the labor representatives to be the main spokesman for labor was brother Downey Executive Secretary District Council 33. Elected by both groups to head up the meetings were yours truly (Rutledge) as Chairman and Al Quilliche (San Francisco Chapter) as Secretary. First meeting to exchange proposals will be March 12th. Your negotiators are still accepting proposed changes from the locals, but you had better start moving real soon or it may be too late.

As these notes are written on Tuesday you all know the condition of the trade. Last night we had about steen inches of rain and this threw a lot of the brothers on the street. Attend your meetings. Thirty, see you next week.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Now that the San Francisco electric watch class seems to be functioning satisfactorily, we shall point our efforts to San Jose with the idea of getting a class started in that city.

At the present writing, I am waiting to hear from Joseph Bellenger, of the San Jose Board of Education. As soon as we have anything concrete, we shall advise the San Jose members.

FOR SALE: Granville's Jewellers has an L & R Heavy Duty Watch Cleaning Machine — also a Gold Stamping Machine for leather or wallets, for sale. If interested contact Mr. Plonczak at YUkon 6-4747.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, February 19 at 7 p.m.—Union Office.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

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Make your reservations for the testimonial dinner for Jack Clark and George Thomas to be held Sunday, February 22 at the Castlewood Country Club. Get your orders in at once.

Fraternally,
E. T. MERRITT,
Secretary, Dinner Committee

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held March 5, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, California.

The Stewards Committee will meet Thursday, at 8 p.m., February 19, 1959.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday, at 8 p.m. February 25, 1959.

All brothers should be reminded to check their vacation pay slips as soon as they receive them and take this matter up with their Business Agents so they can get them corrected before March 15, 1959. Many of the brothers will find that no corrections will be needed since the last year.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Another Friday the 20th is the date of our last meeting in February, and will be of the regular kind, but times have changed. We always have subjects of one kind or another that deserves a good attendance to take part in any decision arrived at. What do you say?

The quarterly audit of our books ending December 31, 1958 are available in the office. Ask Financial Secretary Bethel for one.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT S. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 17.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 17.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting of Local 371 will be held February 14, 1959 at Eagles Hall, 2238 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. Executive Board will meet at 12:30, regular meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting as some very important matters are to be brought up.

Fraternally,
C. F. MARTIN,
Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 1959 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, California.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting and secure your new dues book.

Monday, February 23, following Washington's Birthday, February 23, will be a legal holiday for Local 444.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Business Manager and
Fin. Secretary-Treasurer

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, February 19, at 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Election for burial fund trustees at 9:00 p.m.

Joint stewards council Saturday, February 21, at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally yours,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Meeting Friday, February 27, 1959, 8:00 p.m. 2315 Valdez Street, Hall D, Oakland, California.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our next regular meeting of February 13, 1959 has been designated a Special Called meeting for the purpose of nominating and electing delegates to the California State Conference of Painters convention to be held in San Jose, February 27 through March 1, 1959.

Any members who wish to submit changes in the Bay Area agreement must put them in writing and send to our office at 2051 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, California before February 15, 1959, also any members who have not drawn their 1957 vacation money must do so by March 31, 1959.

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. Our new TV has been installed. Come early and watch the fights.

Fraternally yours,
CLARENCE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

Attention all members:

The next meeting of the local is a Special Called Meeting for February 12, 1959. We will have three nominations and election of three delegates to the State Conference of Painters Convention.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Any member who has not applied for his last year's Vacation Plan must apply before March 31, 1959 or he could lose his money.

The Agreement Committee is still open for suggestions for changes in the new agreement.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN
Recording Secretary

S. F.-OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at California Hall, 625 Polk Street, San Francisco, on Sunday afternoon, February 15, 1959 at 1:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
HORACE W. STAFFORD
Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held at the Labor Temple 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, each Friday at 8 p.m.

At the February 4 meeting of Bay Counties District Council it was announced that statements of the Carpenters vacation fund are now being mailed. These statements should be checked for errors in hours also Social Security numbers. It was learned that certain employers failed to report the

hours and had not forwarded their contributions.

Any error or omission on the statements should be reported at the union office for correction. These corrected statements must be forwarded to the fund office by March 15. If not, payments will not be made.

Checks will be mailed April 1, 1959. Reason for late mailing of statements: employers had until January 25 to send in their contributions for the month of December. If your hours statement is not received before February 20, it is advisable to contact the local union office.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

'Mr. Wild Bill' is KLX-ing, it seems

Bruce Poyer, whose local of the American Federation of Television & Radio Artists has been granted strike sanction against KLX, says that "this is the first time we have had Mr. Wild Bill in town while we were negotiating, and we wish he was anywhere else, so long as it wasn't Washington."

The union is asking a pay scale equivalent to the networks.

Engineers 39 make comment on Sandia

Herb Sims, Stationary Engineers 39, told the Central Labor Council that another union had intervened in the representation election at the Sandia plant boiler room for which his union had applied to NLRB.

"I would suggest," he said, "that in such cases unions should confer with the applying union before intervening."

Trade unionists distribute food

Trade union volunteers distributed fifty tons of food in the flood-stricken area around Columbus, Ohio, recently. The food was supplied by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. — AFL-CIO News.

Teachers denounce survey as a stall

Oakland Federation of Teachers 771 distributed at the hearing held Tuesday night by the Oakland Board of Education a statement denouncing the "\$30,000 Booz, Allen, & Hamilton Survey of Certificated Personnel."

The fact was cited that when the possibility of such a survey was first discussed, the union "publicly charged that it would be a waste of the taxpayers' money; that it would be used to hold down a teachers' salary increase for the 1958-59 school year; that it would be used to delay or kill much needed improvements in teacher-student working conditions; and that it would absolve the board of the responsibility for improving salaries and working conditions prior to the Board of Education election in April, 1959."

"Each of these charges," the union statement declares, "has been verified."

The union announces that it will have ready in March its own "teacher-prepared survey."

Sarvey seeks spot held by Houlihan

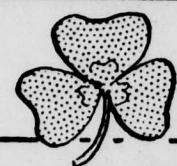
Robert E. Sarvey, East Oakland department store owner, has announced he will run for the Oakland City Council from the 7th District. This is the seat on the council to which John C. Houlihan was recently appointed.

Sarvey served on local campaign committees to elect Congressman George P. Miller and Supervisor Francis Dunn, and was co-chairman for the John Holmdahl committee in the 14th District.

Charter amendm'nt on city pay scale

The Oakland City Council voted 6-2 Tuesday to prepare a charter amendment that would give 1700 non-uniformed city employees the same pay formula as for police and firemen.

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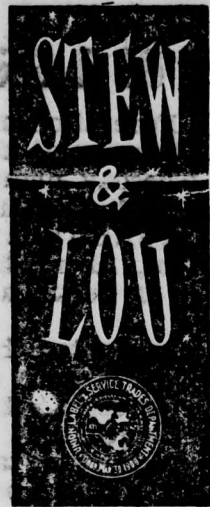
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"Research studies and the everyday experience of both large and smaller industries show that recovered heart patients can work at many kinds of jobs on an equal footing with workers who have not heart disease," says Stacy Dobrzensky, president of the Alameda County Heart Association.

"Fear is often the greatest obstacle the heart patient has to overcome. Sometimes the worker with heart disease is crippled by his own fear of the effect his work will have on his heart. Sometimes he is forced into unemployment because his employer fears that he will not be able to do his work satisfactorily."

"Much of the fear of both employer and worker feeds on ignorance and misinformation about the relationship between heart disease and employment."

To help overcome the fear of heart patients about working and of employers about hiring them, the Alameda County Heart Association, as a part of its service to the community, has a cardiac work evaluation unit consisting of a physician, social worker and vocational counselor.

Work capacities are evaluated and assistance is given in selective placement, in cooperation with other agencies in the community. This service is free to all residents of Alameda County.

Referrals to the unit are made through the patient's own physician or the industrial physician. Call the Alameda County Heart Association, HIGate 4-3564 for a referral form and further information.

Alameda County HEART SUNDAY is February 15.

Cohelan in group to examine draft

The House of Representatives has voted 381 to 20 to extend the Universal Military Training Act for four years.

Congressman Jeffery Cohelan of Berkeley and Oakland announced:

"I favored limiting extension of the draft. Although the amendment was defeated, Chairman Carl Vinson of the Armed Services Committee has agreed to set up this special House subcommittee and now an all-important draft study will be conducted."

Cohelan has been appointed to the subcommittee. He said:

"Investigation of just how the draft is functioning is overdue. Armed Services Committee hearings have revealed a need for further study of the use of military manpower in the light of modern nuclear warfare."

Price rises throughout the world pretty well canceled out wage gains

GENEVA — Price increases throughout the world during the year ending last June, though lower than in the previous two years, were high enough to wipe out most of the wage gains made by workers in practically all countries, according to the 1958 Year Book of Labor Statistics published annually by the International Labor Organization.

The yearbook also discloses that whereas most countries showed higher employment in mid-1958 than a year earlier, the United States was an exception. It shows too that manufacturing employment in this country has been consistently lower since 1953, whereas it has been consistently higher in Europe and Oceania. — AFLCIO News.

Pearson digs up Chin Bok Hing on John J. Allen Jr.

Drew Pearson in a column printed by the Morning News of San Leandro took a crack at former Congressman John J. Allen Jr. which seemingly the Chronicle didn't bother to rush into print. Said Pearson:

Before Chairman Warren Magnuson of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee confirms like's newly appointed Under Secretary of Commerce he ought to give him a very careful once-over.

John Allen, the ex-Congressman from California who got this coveted post, was under investigation by the Justice Department for the part he played as attorney for the king of Northern California gamblers, Chin Bok Hing. Congressman Allen, a resident of Berkeley, California had set up a so-called trust fund which the Chinese gambler used to evade around \$100,000 of income taxes.

After the scheme was exposed in federal court, Chin Bok Hing took it on the lam and forthright Attorney General James McGranery began a probe of the congressman. After Herbert Brownell replaced McGranery as attorney general, the probe of the Republican congressman quietly evaporated.

Came last November and Allen was defeated for re-election.

Shortly thereafter, ex-Congressman James Patterson of Connecticut, another Republican who lost out in the Democratic landslide, was given an OK by Vice President Nixon to be Under Secretary of Commerce in charge of transportation.

Suddenly West Coast shipping interests got busy. They want a man in charge of transportation friendly to them. Some of them quietly suggested to Nixon's office that they had been heavy contributors to the Grand Old Party in California. Overnight Patterson found himself out of the running, while another lame duck, John Allen of California, was in the running.

Fewer killed, more hurt by motorcars

Traffic accidents on California's streets and highways took the lives of 3510 persons during 1958, a decrease of 181 from the previous year.

California Highway Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell, in announcing the official figures, added that the number of persons injured increased by slightly more than one-half of one percent. The 1958 total was 135,565, a gain of 743 over the previous year.

"A reduction of almost five percent in fatalities is gratifying and encouraging," Caldwell said, "but it should be looked upon less as an accomplishment than as a challenge to do even better this year. There can be no let-up in the continuing fight to save lives."

Don't give to March of Dimes or Cancer Society, labor told

James W. Goodsell, editor of Oregon Labor Press, published the following editorial January 16, and has received praise from many labor people, and some "bitter complaints, but the overwhelming number of comments were favorable" he reported in his next issue:

Don't give to the March of Dimes!

Don't give to the American Cancer Society!

Are you shocked by this advice to withhold your dimes and dollars from two of the leading national health agencies? Then let us explain.

First let's talk about the March of Dimes. This fund-raising campaign is conducted by an organization formerly known as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. It played a leading role in conquering polio and in caring for those who had the disease.

Now polio has been conquered by the Salk vaccine. The Polio Foundation had a magnificent opportunity to accept the thanks of a grateful nation and to bow out of the picture—or perhaps retain a small staff to care for those who were crippled by polio before Dr. Salk made his great discovery.

Is that what the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis decided to do? Not at all!

It changed its name to The National Foundation (period). And right now it is staging a bigger, louder, higher-pressure fund raising campaign than ever before. What for? For "arthritis, rheumatism, virus research, birth defects and disorders of the nervous system."

In other words, The National Foundation is perpetuating itself and its huge staff as a professional high-pressure money-raising outfit. And it is deliberately muscling in on other health agencies long established in their respective fields.

For example, the former Polio Foundation tried to swallow up the respected and long-established Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation. When this organization refused to be swallowed, The National Foundation went blithely ahead with its heart-rending appeal for your dimes to help little children crippled by arthritis.

Our advice is: Don't fall for it! The National Foundation spends a fantastically high percentage of its income for promotion and for its slick emotional appeals—and relatively little for medical research. It's research grants will be even less effective, now that it is trying to spread itself all over the medical spectrum.

We hereby announce that the March of Dimes and its special gimmick, the "Mothers' March," will get no more publicity in the Oregon Labor Press. Our advice to mothers is: Don't "march" for this self-seeking outfit. Give generously to the United Fund, but boycott the March of Dimes.

And now we come to the American Cancer Society. Until

now, it has been a highly responsible and respected health agency. But it has decided to pull out of the United Fund and "go it alone."

This decision was made by the Cancer Society's national officers. Local chapters are forced to comply, whether they want to or not. In Detroit and some other cities the local chapters have rebelled against the "go it alone" directive. But the Oregon chapter, meekly following orders, has withdrawn from the United Fund and is planning an independent fund-raising "crusade" in April.

If the Cancer Society's "crusade" is successful, other health agencies are sure to withdraw from the United Fund to stage independent fund campaigns of their own. And our hard-won United Fund principle of "one drive a year" will be shattered.

Someone will be punching your doorbell for some worthy cause every week.

As union members and good citizens, we worked for years to help establish the United Fund principle. We cannot let it be destroyed by a few slick, selfish fund-raisers.

That's why we say: DON'T GIVE to the American Cancer Society. And just as important: Tell their solicitor that you are refusing because they have withdrawn from the United Fund.

Give generously to your United Fund. Give until it hurts. Then your conscience will be perfectly clear when you tell these arrogant, self-seeking, high-pressure independents to go chase themselves.

15-month fight to regain job is won

Fletis Ware, a discharged rubber worker in Hartsville, Ohio, won a 15-month battle for reinstatement on his old job with the Monarch Rubber Company.

On December 12, two weeks before Christmas, the company gave him a check for \$6,323.50, the amount of pay he had lost because of the firing.

In the summer of 1957, Ware belonged to an unaffiliated union. The United Rubber Workers, AFLCIO, began organizing a genuine union. Ware liked the idea and joined. So did a lot of his other fellow workers. One of them became active in organizing and was fired.

Because Ware didn't think this was right, he walked off his job in protest and was fired. URW went to bat for him. Union lawyers took the fight all the way up to the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D. C., and won the case.

It was a good Christmas for Ware, his wife, Lois, and three children. It was a good victory for Local 99 of URW at the Monarch Plant. Said Ware, "I don't know where I'd have been without the URW." — AFLCIO News.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Carpenter officer in Senate probe about \$30,000 fee

The McClellan special Senate committee began its third year of operations with testimony that Charles Johnson, Jr., international vice-president of the Carpenters, allegedly received a \$30,000 fee for settling a jurisdictional strike at a New York City area racetrack in 1950.

Nathan E. Herzfeld, New York investment broker who owned the Yonkers Raceway in fashionable Westchester County, told the committee headed by Senator John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) that Johnson was brought into the picture when a dispute between a Building Service Employees local and unions associated with the Westchester Building and Construction Trades Council caused a work stoppage.

Committee Counsel Robert F. Kennedy, probing other financial dealings that involved Johnson, introduced records designed to show that the Carpenters' official received \$96,572 in commissions and expenses for selling lubricants to contractor friends over a 7-year period.

Edward H. Weiss, owner of the oil company, confirmed the accuracy of the records. He said Johnson was hired as a salesman to give his firm a contact with New York building contractors, all of whom had contracts with the Carpenters. — AFLCIO News.

Post Office Clerks cite dominance of Democrats

The National Federation of Post Office Clerks news letter says:

The new Congress, No. 86 in the history of the United States, buckled down to the business of organizing itself in a manner to reflect its overwhelming Democratic control in both houses.

No more typical example of this fact can be found than in the makeup of the new House Post Office and Civil Service Committee which now has a 16 to 9 Democratic majority, as against a 14 to 11 Democratic balance in the 85th Congress. In the Senate, the new balance of the Post Office Committee is 6 to 3.

600% increase is shown in wish to be teachers

Interest in teaching as a career has spurred a 600 percent enrollment increase in an introductory course, Education 1 at Oakland City College.

The class, which started last fall with 10 students, has a spring semester enrollment of 60.

"These young people," stated Miss Mary Greer, instructor for the course, "want to determine if teaching is to be their choice for a life-time career."

CASTRO VALLEY school superintendent first said uncertificated employees didn't need a union, but has signed statement that he doesn't oppose one.

Miller urges aid for cooperatives housing students

Congressman George P. Miller testified recently in Washington in support of a proposed amendment to the Housing Act of 1950, which would provide for housing college loans to nonprofit cooperative associations. He testified before the Housing Subcommittee. Miller said in part:

"The University Students Cooperative Association at Berkeley was founded in 1933 and during the past 25 years has housed approximately 15,000 students. These former students are our present day doctors, lawyers, scientists, teachers, etc., and one is even a Member of Congress. Many could not have been able to obtain a college education had it not been for the students coop.

"Today the Students Cooperative at Berkeley has a membership of 900, and is the University's largest single housing agency. Cooperative members pay \$204-\$236 per semester for room and board compared with University dormitory costs of \$380-\$435 per semester. The Association has estimated that its members save approximately \$225,000 a year. These savings are made possible in large part because the students, as a prerequisite to membership, must furnish work in kind such as waiting at table, cleaning, and maintenance of facilities.

"The University Cooperative Housing Association at Los Angeles was organized in 1937 and presently houses about 175 students. It has a long-range plan for very substantial expansion.

"Conservative estimates place the 1965 enrollment at Berkeley at 25,000. This will be an increase of about 6,000 students in the next five years on a single campus. Enrollment at the college level is increasing annually at universities all over the country. To meet this need many colleges are preparing their own dormitory expansion program. This will not meet the need, however, of the low-income student.

"The proposed amendment to the college housing loan program will permit these student cooperatives to expand their facilities concurrently with the colleges. This will not only increase the housing facilities available, but will provide service in that area where the pressure is the greatest, and where the colleges cannot themselves fully take care of the demand."

Union pay scales rise in printing trades 9.8c per hour in bigger places

WASHINGTON — Union pay scales in the printing trades rose an average of 9.8 cents an hour in cities of over 100,000 population during the year ending July 1, the Labor Department reported.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics study showed that 90 percent of the organized printing trades workers surveyed received an increase during the year. Nearly three-fourths of the increases fell within the 6 to 14 cents-an-hour range. — AFLCIO News.

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Labor's voice in Golden Gate Authority considered by BTC

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and have some voice for labor in the preliminary discussion.

Charles Roe, Carpenters 1622, said that he felt Childers and Ash had acted within the bounds of discretion, that this was merely a progress report Childers was making, that everything was still indefinite, and that no commitments had been made by labor.

EDEN HOSPITAL

Childers having reported on the recount of the November vote for directors of Eden Township Hospital and the fact that Warden had won on the recount, and Jackson, originally considered the victor, had lost, the question was raised by C. R. Bartalini, Carpenters 36, whether the East Bay Labor Health & Welfare Council should have taken the active part it did in forwarding the recount.

Childers said that the thing had turned out well, and that for various reasons Warden would apparently be more sympathetic to the need for conducting the affairs of the hospital in a democratic manner than Jackson would have been. Roe added, that the issues involved were extremely important, and he felt the Health & Welfare Council was justified in the action it took.

SANDIA PLANT

Childers reported that on February 13 in San Francisco NLRB would hold a hearing on the request of Stationary Engineers 39 for a representational election for workers at the plant who would come under that union's jurisdiction.

It would be interesting to learn, said Childers, what arguments the company will advance at that hearing against the holding of the election, as this would give some indication of what other crafts will encounter in the effort to organize the plant.

At present, he said, the company is trying to put through a policy of paying members of all crafts the same wage and granting them all the same fringe benefits. The wage is only from \$2.71 an hour up to a top of \$2.87, but the company figures the fringe benefits are temptingly good enough to keep the workers contented.

HOD CARRIERS SCALE

The new contract of Hod Carriers 166 having been approved by the Law & Legislation Committee was accepted by the council, and President Joseph Pruss asked Secretary John Davy to place it on file. Hod carriers tending plasterers as of November 1, 1958, get \$3.52 per hour; September 1, 1959, this advances

to \$3.72; and September 1, 1960, it advances to \$3.92.

SOBRANTE PARK

The delegates accepted the recommendation of the Board of Business Agents that they go on record as supporting the Oakland Planning Commission's staff report on the rezoning to light industry of an area in Sobrante Park.

BRUCE-SCHOENFELD CO.

Childers said that a meeting had been arranged with representatives of the Bruce-Schoenfeld Company, which soon would be doing some caulking work on the Kaiser building, and which at present has no contract with any union. Jurisdictional claims of several crafts are involved.

OAKLAND CITY PAY

A report will be made by the Oakland City Manager on March 1 on a survey of all wages paid by the municipality, said Childers, and the BTC will be supplied with a copy.

OAKLAND CANDIDATES

There had been no very promising development in the list of candidates filing for places on the Oakland City Council in the Spring elections, said the BTC business representative.

UC ROOFERS

Questions about work at UC involving roofers and painters were reported on.

Cohelan seeks increase of retired pay for men of the Armed Services

Congressman Jeffery Cohelan of Berkeley and Oakland has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives to increase the retired pay of members of the Armed Services.

The bill is intended to correct an inequity in the Military Pay Act of 1958. It requires that all retirement pay be based on pay scales which went into effect on June 1, 1958 as a result of that Act.

The 1958 Act failed to stipulate that pay of previously retired personnel be computed on the basis of the new scales, a provision which has always been included in legislation of this kind, Cohelan said.

CHARLES GARONI, Carpet & Linoleum Layers 1290, wonders if Oakland's population has dropped under 10,000, for when the State COPE listed cities over 10,000 with elections coming up, Chico and San Mateo were in, but Oakland was out. CLC President Crowell remarked, "Some say Oakland isn't a city."

AFLCIO TV SUNDAY SHOWS BAKERY WORK

The AFLCIO's television program, "Americans at Work," on Station KTVU-TV at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, February 15 will show work in the bakery and confectionery industry, of which the American Bakery & Confectionery Union—the ABC—is an important part.

Insurance unions announce merger

Two AFLCIO unions in the insurance field have announced agreement to unite as a single labor organization representing over 35,000 insurance workers.

Final action on the merger of the Insurance Agents International Union and the Insurance Workers of America into one union—to be known as the Insurance Workers International Union—is scheduled to take place at conventions in Chicago the week of May 25.

This will be the second merger of autonomous international unions since the AFLCIO came into being nearly four years ago. In May 1957, two internationals in the paper industry merged to create the United Papermakers and Paperworkers. — AFLCIO News.

United Socialist Action Berkeley housing scheme is denounced by NAACP

Human Relations Clearing House of San Francisco has issued the following statement:

"The NAACP, and other civil rights groups, have repudiated the attempt by a group called the United Socialist Action Committee to circulate in the Berkeley community an initiative petition against discrimination in housing. The petition calls for a referendum in case the City Council does not take favorable action. Pointing out that a comprehensive fair housing law will be introduced in the state legislature this year, the NAACP called this unilateral petition movement ill-conceived, ill-managed, irresponsible and not deserving of support."

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Women Voters ask local Assemblymen to end cross-file

The Oakland League of Women Voters has sent a statement in favor of the abolition of cross-filing to State Assemblymen Carlos Bee, Robert Crown, Nicholas Petris, Walter Dahl, Byron Rumford, and Don Mulford. The statement says in part:

The League of Women Voters of California, which is composed of local Leagues in 59 communities in the State, hopes that legislation will be passed in the 1959 General Session of the Legislature to abolish cross-filing in primary elections.

"The League adopted a position in support of strong political party responsibility and the abolition of cross-filing more than ten years ago after a study of political parties and their place in our democracy. This position was reaffirmed at Convention in 1955. The League has consistently supported legislation to abolish cross-filing. The arguments which we advanced in the past still represent our position.

"The League contends that strong and clear-cut party lines are necessary for political action in a democracy. This is not possible under the present system of cross-filing. Can a Republican voter expect a Democratic candidate to support the Republican platform, and vice-versa? The elected official must be held responsible to the voters who elected him. Voters are presumed to be voting for a set of principles and policies in which they believe, even more than for an individual."

Martin Huff files for city auditor-controller

Martin Huff, Oakland's auditor-controller, has filed his declaration of candidacy to fill the unexpired term of the late David V. Rosen, who held the position until his death last May.

Huff, a certified public accountant with the local firm of Timpson, Boyle and Huff, was unanimously appointed by the City Council to fill the vacancy created by Rosen's death. A member of the Alameda County Institutions Commission, he was also United Crusade co-chairman for city employees last year.

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Auto Union, Detroit BTC sign jurisdiction pact

Just before the midwinter session of the AFLCIO Building & Construction Trades Department opened at Miami Beach, news came that a jurisdictional pact had been signed by the United Auto Workers and the Detroit Building Trades Council. The accord was designed to end the long standing feud between the Detroit BTC and the UAW over control of the work in the remodeling or extension of Detroit auto plants.

The pact was signed by Walter Reuther personally. Since he is not only head of the Auto Workers, but also of the Industrial Union Department of the AFLCIO, this is considered a good omen.

Whether the pact will really settle the warfare on this particular jurisdictional front is something nobody knows.

The pact specifies that past practice shall be the governing consideration in the assignment of work in the so-called "doubtful areas" that have caused most of the friction between the Auto Workers and the building crafts. These include the rearrangement of equipment and the complete remodeling of plants that were in production until reconstruction began.

It is said that some of the building trades people who went to Miami Beach prepared to do some more talking about the possibility of seceding from the AFLCIO in order to get jurisdictional matters clarified, or at least to get them on an open war basis, were so impressed by the signing of the Detroit agreement that they adopted much milder tones in discussion.

Obviously, this development is not merely of interest to workers in Detroit. Our Building Trades Council here has had some jurisdictional clashes with some of our locals of international industrial unions, and these cases are now being weighed higher up. If the Detroit pact works, it should do much to make things more comfortable here.

Goodby now!

Transportation business is going to pick up in the near future. Thousands of manufacturing plants are going to be taken down, and all their machinery loaded onto trucks, flatcars, steamships, and gigantic superliners of the air. Sitting atop these loads of machinery and office machines will be cohorts, regiments, and divisions of vice presidents, personnel pie-carders, and chairmen of boards.

This is really going to be sump'n to watch and weigh the profound significance of, brothers and sisters.

That it's going to happen is inevitable because the authority for it comes from Thomas F. Knight Jr. the NAM lobbyist, and from Assemblyman Harold K. Levering of Los Angeles, whose hatred of labor unions is one of the most authentic institutions in Sacramento.

Levering says New Mexico is passing welcoming laws to get ready for the big influx of business men who will be forced to leave California because of Governor Brown's tax proposals. And the NAM man says a lot of the boys are already leaving!

Whether or not Mr. Levering plans to join the exodus hasn't been announced yet. But we gather from his advance bulletins and those of his NAM pal that there won't be anyone left here but millions of jobless workers and a few abalones clinging to the rocks. So we may lose Honorable Harold Levering too.

The new Fed News Letter

Neil Haggerty of the California Labor Federation and any of his aides responsible for the smart appearance and intelligent concise presentation of facts and arguments in the new News Letter of the Federation are entitled to congratulations.

The new News Letter, as reported in our last issue, is now printed rather than mimeographed, and sent from the State capitol Friday morning so that it will reach all affiliates and labor editors Monday morning.

It's a real newspaper, telling what's up in Sacramento, and when and how to get into the show on important bills.

The elimination of the constitutional recess after the introduction of bills, affected by the adoption of Proposition 9 last November, made it possible to get out a book summarizing all the bills, which was the Federation's former practice. Now the bills come stringing along, and the new News Letter will come stringing along with them, keeping us all up to date. It's a good idea, well carried out, and greatly appreciated.

Chip Off the Old Block



'WE WILL NOT CALL IT EXACTLY BLACKMAIL'!

AFLCIO Vice President Al J. Hayes, chairman of the federation's Ethical Practices Committee, has called on the McClellan Committee to investigate the "use of immoral practices" by the nation's business corporations as revealed in a recent Columbia Broadcasting System radio broadcast, "The Business of Sex." Following are excerpted portions of the 55-minute broadcast:

MURROW: Our reporters were told that some companies maintain one or two call girls on their payroll as part of their public relations staff. The girls use the five to six thousand dollars of their yearly salary as a drawing account. This call girl also has accounts, even though she is on no one's payroll.

GIRL: I have accounts with manufacturers who will call me and advise me of the fact that one of their buyers is coming into town and that I should proceed. Usually they will send me a check the next day. This is ordinarily the head of the company or the manufacturer who wants to keep these buyers happy so that they will give him a large order.

MURROW: Some executives denied that it was a widespread practice, others expressed amazement that anyone should not know how common the practice was. This publicist for his part, had few doubts of the widespread acceptance of the practice, particularly in our large cities.

PUBLICIST: The use of call girls in industry is pretty widespread at this time. There are a lot of industries that use them, that are not suspect, such as industrial corporations. I think that in places like Chicago or St. Louis or Cleveland, the use of these girls is much greater than in New York.

MURROW: What is the result of such business relations? We asked one company vice-president for his opinion.

MAN: When you reach the point where they're ready to go

away with you for a week-end where you're going to bring girls along or for a night where you're going to have girls there, you have created a very, very close personal relationship which cannot be replaced. Everything else you do with them, nothing is illegal or immoral.

And you realize in this kind of business relationship that although when you walk in with a deal you don't say to him, "I want you to do something for me." He knows damn well when you walk in that you're hoping that he will do everything he can and you know that he will do everything within his power to be able to help you.

MURROW: This man is president of a large international firm; he seemed to agree with the vice-president.

MAN: There is absolutely no doubt that prostitution per se does help business. This is the fastest way that I know of to have an intimate relationship established with a buyer. It's an experience which has been shared, whether it's together or not makes no difference. The point is, that I know that the buyer has spent the night with a prostitute that I have provided.

In the second place, in most cases the buyers are married, with families. It sort of gives me a slight edge; well, we will not call it exactly blackmail, but it is a subconscious edge over the buyer.

Democracy feared

Ultra-conservative elements express concern about the role of labor in politics, but their real fear is of democracy itself. Labor's long record in politics is an honorable one. It has contributed much to the well-being of our nation. No group has done more than organized labor in helping to bring about needed social and economic reforms.

Social security, public housing, minimum wages, unemployment compensation, are but a few of the great social reform programs which have helped millions of citizens, many of whom never belonged to a labor union. Reactionary opposition to these programs, more than anything else, inspires those behind the anti-labor drive. — Rep. George Rhodes (D., Pa.)

Ineptitude!

The Ohio AFLCIO News & Views published together the following two clippings from Time magazine:

Wisconsin: The GOP rates Democratic Senator Bill Proxmire's seat as one it could grab away from the Democrats. Reason No. 1: Tireless Bill Proxmire, 42, elected to Joe McCarthy's seat last year, has turned out to be an inept Senator. (Time magazine, Nov. 3.)

Wisconsin: Amiable Bill Proxmire, 42, Democrat elected last year to Joe McCarthy's seat, easily skipped in ahead of inept Republican Tyro Roland J. Steinle, 62. (Time magazine, Nov. 10.)

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WILDERNESS

Editor, Labor Journal:

I should have known you cared!

This is in reference to your editorial of January 30 on the proposed Mammoth Pass highway, for which you get my heartfelt thanks. We can always repay our industrialists the money they lose defending the nation, but nobody can restore wilderness.

As one of the "number of people who now tramp (the bums?) the back country" I say the number is not so "small" and there is no real "back country" left. Every mining and lumber road, no matter how primitive, has cut a littered swath about thirty miles wide.

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SENATOR JOHNSON

Johnson's shortcomings can be excused in view of the Southern political pressures under which he operates, but these excuses do not erase the shortcomings, do not give our nation the bold and forward-looking leadership which is necessary if we are to meet the domestic and international opportunities of the mid-20th century. Johnson's basic ideal of minimum action in any political situation is as Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois said, "A soothing syrup to lull the conscience of America." — Valley Labor Citizen (Fresno).

LABOR'S FUTURE

We may believe that its ever-growing power (American labor movement), as well as the sense of responsibility and the interest in the general problems of civilization it is developing, will make it, in a not too distant future, one of the most decisive forces in the history of the nation, and of mankind. — Professor Jacques Maritain in his "Reflections on America."

THE REAL MENACE

The Soviet Union has indeed been our greatest menace, not so much because of what it has done, but because of the excuses it has provided us for our failures. — Senator Fulbright.

INTELLIGENCE

Too much intelligence is a handicap for day-to-day management because it hinders conformity and acceptance. — Robert McMuray, management consultant.